

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system, a method, a program product, and an apparatus for managing equipments are provided in which the management can properly be carried out even if a series of data are received in a reverse of the order of transmission. Upon receiving from a center a current mail carrying a command, a data terminal 1 for monitoring a copier compares the date-1 of the current mail with the date-2 of the latest of the previous mails carrying the same type of commands (S803). When the date-1 is later than the date-2, an action determined by the command carried in the current mail is performed (S811). If the date-1 is not later than the date-2, the current mail is discarded and the discarding is informed to the center (S821).